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Thank you very much for your telephone call today. Per our conversation, attached are the documents filed with the USPTO in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements (not including the Assignment documents and IDS documents). Please let me know if you need anything further. Thank you.

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Applicant M. Bura et al.For: BRIDGE JOINTSerial No. 10/018,621Filed: December 17, 2001

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SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$65 for a Small Entity:

- \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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PART 1 - ATTORNEY/APPLICANT COPY

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **M. Bura et al.**Confirmation No.: **4979**Application No.: **10/018,621**Group No.: **Not Yet Assigned**Filed: **December 17, 2001**Examiner: **Not Yet Assigned**For: **BRIDGE JOINT**

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COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS
- NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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- I. ☒ This replies to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 USC §371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905 (371 Formalities Notice)) mailed February 5, 2002

NOTE: If these papers are filed before the office letter issues, adequate identification of the original papers should be made, e.g., in addition to the name of the inventor and title of invention, the filing date based on the "Express Mail" procedure, the serial number from the return post card or the attorney's docket number added.

- ☒ A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 USC §371 is enclosed.

NOTE: The PTO requires that a copy of Form PTO-1533 be returned with the response to the notice to file missing parts to the application.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION (37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a))

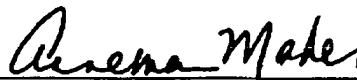
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MAILING

FACSIMILE

- ☒ deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

- ☐ transmitted by facsimile to the Patent and Trademark Office.



Signature

Date: August 1, 2002

Annemarie Maher

(type or print name of person certifying)

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DECLARATION OR OATH

- II. ☒ No declaration or oath was filed. Enclosed is the original declaration or oath for this application and a Petition Under 37 CFR §1.47(a) For Acceptance Of Declaration By Joint Inventor On Behalf Of Himself And Nonsigning Inventor Michael J. BURA, Who Cannot Be Located.

NOTE: If the correct inventor or inventors are not named on filing a nonprovisional application under § 1.53(b) without an executed oath or declaration under § 1.63, the later submission of an executed oath or declaration under § 1.63 during the pendency of the application will act to correct the earlier identification of inventorship. 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(f)(1).

OR

- ☐ The declaration or oath that was filed was determined to be defective. A new original oath or declaration is attached.

NOTE: For surcharge fee for filing declaration after filing date complete item VI(3) below.

NOTE: The following combinations of information supplied in an oath or declaration filed after the filing date are acceptable as minimums for identifying a specification and compliance with any one of the items below will be accepted as complying with the identification requirement of 37 C.F.R. § 1.63:

*(A) application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number, e.g., 08/123,456;

*(B) serial number and filing date;

*(C) attorney docket number which was on the specification as filed;

*(D) title which was on the specification as filed and reference to an attached specification which is both attached to the oath or declaration at the time of execution and submitted with the oath or declaration; or

*(E) title which was on the specification as filed and accompanied by a cover letter accurately identifying the application for which it was intended by either the application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number, e.g., 08/123,456), or serial number and filing date. Absent any statement(s) to the contrary, it will be presumed that the application filed in the PTO is the application which the inventor(s) executed by signing the oath or declaration."

M.P.E.P. § 601.01(a) 7th Ed.

NOTE: Another minimum found acceptable in the declaration is the filing date (i.e., date of express mail) and the express mail number, useful where the serial number is not yet known. But note the practice where the express mail deposit is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday within the District of Columbia. 37 C.F.R. § 1.10(c).

(complete (c) or (d), if applicable)

Attached is a

- (c) ☐ Statement by a registered attorney that the application filed in the PTO is the application that the inventor executed by signing the declaration.
- (d) ☐ Statement that the "attached" specification is a copy of the specification and any amendments thereto that were filed in the PTO to obtain the filing date.

AMENDMENT CANCELLING CLAIMS

- III. ☐ Cancel claims _____ inclusive.

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TRANSMITTAL OF ENGLISH TRANSLATION
OF NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPERS

- IV. ☐ Submitted herewith is an English translation of the non-English language application papers as originally filed. Also submitted herewith is a statement by the translator of the accuracy of the translation. It is requested that this translation be used as the copy for examination purposes in the PTO.

NOTE: For fee processing a non-English application, complete item VI(5) below.

NOTE: a non-English oath or declaration in the form provided by the PTO need not be translated. 37 C.F.R. § 1.69(b).

SMALL ENTITY STATUS

- V. ☒ A statement that this filing is by a small entity

(check and complete applicable items)

- ☒ has already been asserted.
- ☐ is attached.
- ☐ A separate refund request accompanies this paper.
- ☐ was filed on _____ (original).

COMPLETION FEES

VI.

WARNING: Failure to submit the surcharge fees where required will cause the application to become abandoned. 37 C.F.R. § 1.53.

NOTE: For effect on fees of failure to establish status, or change status, as a small entity, see 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a).

1. Filing fee

- ☐ original patent application
(37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a) - \$740.00; small entity - \$370.00) \$ _____
- ☐ design application
(37 C.F.R. § 1.16(f) - \$330.00; small entity - \$165.00) \$ _____

2. Fees for claims

- ☐ each independent claim in excess of 3
(37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b) - \$84.00; small entity - \$42.00) \$ _____
- ☐ each claim in excess of 20
(37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c) - \$18.00; small entity - \$9.00) \$ _____
- ☐ multiple dependent claim(s)
(37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d) - \$280.00; small entity - \$140.00) \$ _____

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3. Surcharge Fees

- ☒ late payment of filing fee and/or late filing of original declaration or oath (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) - \$130.00);

\$ 65.00

NOTE: Even where a facsimile declaration or oath signed by the inventor(s) was part of the originally filed papers, the surcharge fee is required.

NOTE: If both the filing fee and declaration or oath were missing from the original papers, the Office practice under C.F.R. § 1.16(e) is that only one surcharge Fee need be paid whether the later filed oath or declaration and/or the filing fee are submitted afterwards at the same time or at different times.

4. ☒ Petition and fee for filing by other than all the inventors or a person not the inventor

(37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17(i) and 1.47 - \$130.00) \$ 130.00

- ☐ Fee for processing an application filed with a specification in a non-English language
(37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17(k) and 1.52(d) - \$130.00)

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- ☐ Fee for processing and retention of application
(37 C.F.R. §§ 1.21(i) and 1.53(d) - \$130.00)

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- ☒ Assignment (See "ASSIGNMENT COVER SHEET".)

\$ 40.00

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(f) establishes a fee for processing and retaining any application which is abandoned for failing to complete the application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) and this, as well as the changes to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.53 and 1.78, indicate that in order to obtain the benefit of a prior U.S. application, either the basic filing fee or the processing and retention fee of § 1.21(f) within 1 year of notification under § 1.53(f) must be paid.

Total completion fees \$ 235.00

EXTENSION OF TIME

VII.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

- (a) ☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 920.00	\$ 460.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,440.00	\$ 720.00

Fee: \$ 720.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

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